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PRESS RELEASE

LAUNCH OF TWENDE BUTIAMA PILGRIMAGE - A SILVER JUBILEE TO COMMEMORATE 25 YEARS SINCE THE PASSING OF MWALIMU JULIUS NYERERE & MARKING 25 YEARS OF THE REVIVED EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Each year on the 14th of October, The United Republic of Tanzania marks Nyerere Day to honour Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, Father of the Nation.

On Monday October 14th 2024, we will commemorate 25 years after Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's passing and 25 years of the revival of EAC since the Treaty for its establishment was signed by President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania and Daniel arap Moi of Kenya.

Afrika Mashariki Fest has organised a Pilgrimage to Butiama in Mara region, Nyerere's ancestral home and resting ground. The Theme is: Espousing Mwalimu Nyerere's Enduring Legacy and Values - Lessons for Mother Africa. This initiative is a result of our persuasion and conviction that, the Journey to Mwalimu's Sainthood has heritage and we will be heading there to explore the same.

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on several occasions drawn our attention to the significance of Mwalimu Nyerere's invaluable contribution to the liberation of Africa and to his efforts to integrate the three original East African countries which included his offer to delay the independence of Tanganyika so that with Kenya and Uganda they could form a strong, united country.

We are convinced that a deeper reflection on Mwalimu Nyerere is essential to refocus our understanding and tackling of the challenges facing African today.

Afrika Mashariki Fest has arranged to take a delegation of Ugandans and East Africans; Political Leaders, University Students, High School Students, Private Sector Actors, Religious Leaders, Security Officers, Cultural Leaders and other wananchi for a Pilgrimage to Butiama.

We are chartering one of Uganda Airlines' Bombardier CRJ 900 Aircraft to fly the pilgrims from Entebbe to Mwanza and back on the 14th of October 2024.

We have also engaged Kira Motors to avail two of our Uganda made Kayoola Diesel Coaches that will depart on 12th October on a road trip to Butiama carrying pilgrims via the Uganda - Tanzania border of Mutukula. These come with Full AC , Wi-Fi, Toilet & Refreshments. The coaches will also be used to pick and drop pilgrims that will fly to Mwanza Airport, also showcasing the buses in Tanzania.

All pilgrims will drive through the Great Serengeti National Park on their way to Butiama.

A Dialogue will be held at Mwalimu's for "Reflection, Kutafakari" on how to peacefully fight the corruption crisis that is bogging Africa's economic growth.

The three EAC Founding Mothers; Mama Maria Nyerere, Maama Miria Obote Mama Ngina Kenyatta have been invited to Butiama to engage with the pilgrims. We as well expect to have the New EAC Secretary General, EALA Speaker and EAC Judge President to join us in Mwanza & Butiama.

Pilgrims that will travel by road will have Security and a Lead car from Kampala to Mutukula border and the same will be provided by the Tanzania counterparts. We will have an Ambulance with Doctors and supplies to attend to any emergencies along the way.

We will also be joining Her Excellency Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan in Mwanza for the "Uzimaji wa Mwenge" putting out the Peace Torch as the climax for Nyerere Day.

On our Maiden Historical Pilgrimage, we are targeting a Total of 200 Pilgrims, 76 flying Uganda Airlines Bombardier CRJ 900 and 124 to travel by road.

Fare: Business Class USD1000 (12 Seats) and Economy Class \$800 (64 Seats) Fare for the Kira Motors Kayoola Diesel Coaches is UGX500,000/= per Pilgrim and this is inclusive of transport, meals, camping at Butiama.

Bank Account Details: A/C Name: BUTIAMA PILGRIMAGE SAFARIS

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